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Principal's Report to School Council

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School Operational Update

Enrollment

- **Enrollment:** Our enrollment as of Sept 29 which determines our funding was 644 students however we are currently at 647 and continue to take in new students on a weekly basis.
- **Demographic & Complexity Information:** Approximately 45% of students enrolled at Arbour Lake School have a specialized education code identifying a need for additional support. These needs vary considerably and may include learning, behavioural, social-emotional, or physical needs, while other students may require closer monitoring of their progress to ensure their programming continues to appropriately support their learning and development.
    - Specialized Coding (Special Education) - 25%
        - Severe – 7%
        - Mild/Moderate – 18%
    - English as an Additional Language – 22%

Classroom Complexity Team (CCT)

Our CCT is now in place and will provide targeted support to students across the school, with literacy serving as the team's primary area of focus. Students have been grouped by grade and identified learning needs, with targeted reading groups providing small-group, pull-out instruction in areas such as decoding, reading fluency, and comprehension. These targeted literacy supports and reading groups will remain the primary focus of the CCT team's work.

The CCT team will also provide support throughout the day for students with significant physical needs who require additional assistance to participate successfully in their learning environment. Some targeted math support will also be available, although this will be more limited, with one designated block of support for each grade team.

Finally, we have intentionally maintained some flexibility within the team's schedule to respond when student behaviour is significantly impacting learning within an inclusive classroom. This allows the team to provide short-term, responsive support to students who may need assistance with regulation, re-engagement, or a temporary change in environment, while also supporting the learning environment for the rest of the class.

Staffing Updates

- Ms. Redding is off on a leave – currently seeking a replacement. Mr. Halasz is in for her at this time.

School Development Planning & SIRR

We are in the third year of a three-year plan therefore for 2026-2027 the goals remain the same and the updated School Development Plan, along with the School Improvement Results Reporting both will be posted on the school website by November 30th.

- 2026-2027 Goals:
    - *Student achievement in reading and number sense will improve.*
        - *Student achievement in Number/Number Patterns & Algebra will improve through a learning environment that promotes student confidence, risk taking and engagement.*
        - *Student reading comprehension will improve through a learning environment that promotes student confidence and engagement.*
    - *Student academic engagement and community participation will increase*
        - *Increased student engagement both in and out of the classroom, fostering a stronger sense of belonging and connection to the school community.*

School Events, Athletics & Extracurricular

School Events

- **Band Camp:** Grade 8 and 9 band students are currently off at band camp at Camp Evergreen. This is our first band trip in two years. Both students and staff were excited as they departed this morning.
- **Spirit Week & Haunted House:** Next week is Spirit Week which is coinciding with Halloween activities including our annual Haunted House put on by Ms. Sangster's classes. Our Haunted House date is October 29th, all Homerooms will have an opportunity to tour the house and this year students are being encouraged to bring a small monetary donation with all proceeds going to The Mustard Seed.
- **Terry Fox Donation:** I am pleased to report that Arbour Lake School was able to donate $277.00 to the Terry Fox Foundation from our Toonies for Terry campaign last month.
- **Jacket Racket:** We are currently accepting donations for Jacket Racket until November 6. If you have any clean, gently used winter jackets, snow pants, boots, mittens, hats, or other winter outdoor wear that you would like to donate, items can be dropped off at the main office. Your donations will help ensure that members of our community have access to warm winter clothing as the colder weather approaches.
- **Other Important Dates:** Stay tuned to our Weekly Updates for some important dates coming up for the remainder of October and November.

Athletics

- **Cross Country:** Since we last met, our Cross-Country season has wrapped up, with our student-athletes representing ALS exceptionally well. Our Grade 8 Girls earned an impressive third-place finish in the Intermediate Division, and overall,

Arbour Lake School finished 13th out of 36 teams. Congratulations to all of our runners on a great season!

- Current seasons of play include soccer and basketball.
    - **Basketball:** Basketball is in mid season with all of our four teams experiencing some great wins which is we know keeps our student-athletes going and motivated.
    - **Soccer:** On the soccer pitch, both our Girls and Boys teams are heading into semi-finals. The girls play tonight and the boys tomorrow. Regardless of the outcome, we are really proud of them all!

Extracurricular Clubs

- As of October 1st, we began offering lunchtime clubs and activities. Throughout the year offerings shift and change depending on teacher availability. Currently we are offering:
    - Intramurals
    - Board Game Club
    - Musical Theatre
    - Band Practice at lunch
    - Scale Model Builders
    - QSA
    - Lego Club
    - Cribbage Club
    - The Coyote's Den – make up assessments, work on assignments, quiet place to work at lunch.